## THESE KIND OF WORDS HELP

#### Portland Praises the Rules of Our Local Lobstermen's Association

Says the Portland Express and Advertiser editorially:

"The Cape Ann Lobstermen's Assoclation has kindly sent us a copy of its by-laws. Whether the organization is a new one we have no present means of knowing but looking over the little pamphlet it is not difficult to see that its personnel is made up of honest, law-abiding fishermen who possess good hard common sense. Among the rules of the association may be mentioned these: "No member shall pull any lobster traps during the time between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise. No member shall make any incriminating or unjust statements against a brother member unless he is reasonably sure of the proof of such statements. No member shall violate the laws pertaining to lobsters or the lobster fishery in any way or manner. It shall be the duty of every member to keep a constant watch of his neighboring f shermen, thereby assisting in carrying out the principles for which this association was formed. Should any member find that a brother member is violating the laws in any way it shall be his duty to make complaint to the proper authorities, and it shall be his duty to lend any and all assistance that lies in his power, that the violator may be prosecuted and brought to justice. In this way alone can the interests of the members be safe-guarded."

A note from the sender of the pamphlet, John F. Lawson, Bearskin Neck, Rockport, Mass., states that since the by-laws were printed the association held a meeting and by a unanimous vote agreed to throw back in the water all seed lobsters when caught. A few years ago a Maine Lobsterman's Association attracted quite a good deal of attention. But our 2500 miles of coast affords so many opportunities and embraces so very many fishing communities made up of people of widely-divergent views as to the justice or wisdom of Maine's lobster law that it was not an unqualified success. One section of coast might absolutely live up to the letter of the law, while 25 miles east or west might exist a hetbed of "short" lob-

ster pirates. Casco Bay may be cited as an ex-

ample typical of the whole coast.
There are some sections of it where a
"short" lobster cannot be bought for love nor money, and there are others where one may secure all he desires

so long as his money lasts and when that is gone it is not unlikely he might secure a few as a gift. Around Orrs Island, for instance, the law is very

generally observed. One fisherman re-

loonted above

the shell, that he had come to regard because, though higher in price than him as an old friend. To a man the some varieties, there is less refuse, fishermen throw back into the ocean, and, according to Miss Barrows it is as do the Cape Cod lobstermen, the more substantial than the haddock or seed lobsters. In a majority of in-cod and thus a better substitute for stances they prefer to do this rather meat. It is practically always in the than save them for the fish hatchery market. collectors, feeling that the work of "According to figures estimating this Dame Nature cannot be improved up- city's annual food bill," Miss Baron by even the modern methods of rows said, "from a report made by the propagation at Boothbay Harbor.

# FOR NOVEMBER

by the Board of Trade shows a total of 11,637,829 pounds of fresh and salt fish landed here during the month as compared with 8,822,194 pounds for the corresponding week of 1912. The large increase is due to the imports of Nova Scotia salt fish nearly 5,000,-000 pounds alone being foreign pro-

The table of landings and comparison is as follows:

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	Pounds.	Pounds.
	1913.	1912.
Salt cod	*6,389,700	3,386,835
Fresh cod	383,063	420,005
Halibut	123,318	77,653
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Fresh mackerel . Salt makkerel ...... 685

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not the product of American fisher-

# ABOVE CODFISH

In a lecture under the general sublated a few days ago that he had ject, "Preparation of Foods," Miss thrown back into the water so many Anna Barrows, of Columbia Univertimes one short lobster with a par-sity, recently addressed a Brooklyn audience on the food values of hali-

bontif above

ticularly noticeable protuberance on but. The use of halibut was advised

New York State Food Investigating Committee, only 150 million pounds of fish are consumed, while for meats the figures indicate 880 millions of pounds. The meats cost twice as much per pound as the fish. Here, then, is one place to lower the cost of

## The November statistical bulletin **GRAVES WHISTLER**

Shipping interests are strongly in favor of changing the whistling buoy on the northeast Graves to a combination gas and whistle. A petition is being circulated and signed by pilots, captains and vessel owners, asking the government to make the change. It is pointed out that gas buoy at that point would be invaluable to mariners making port on dark and stormy nights. The trans-Atlantic steamship lines are also strongly in favor of the change.

The steamer Onondago, which ran aground in the St. Johns River while leaving Jacksonville last week for this port, was floated Monday after lightering 500 tons of her cargo. She rest. ed in the mud and sustained no damage. She reloaded her cargo yesterday and resumed her passage to Boston. No survey was held.

#### Salt Mackerei Imports.

Supplies of domestic mackerel are rather light, but there appears to be enough fish available to meet requirements, and prices are steady, says the Fishing Gazette. Cape Shore, 115-120 to barrel, is a little firmer.

Imported mackerel is not 4,217,320 3,952,305 much attention. Stocks of Norway 1,320 mackerel are not large, however, and a good jobbing demand is anticipat-8,822,194 ed after the holiday season is over.
bbls. bbls. The market on Norways is steady, while Irish are said to be rather easy. 115 Prices in Norway are very high now, and few, if any, sales have been made

Dingle Ireland, Dec. 6.-Practically ..7231 4809 no mackerel were cured here this \*Of this quantity 4,965,004 lbs. were week. The weather has been stormy.

Liverpool, Dec. 6 .- Shipments this week: To Boston, 260 bbls.; to New York, 18 bbls.; to Philadelphia, 418 bbis.; to Baltimore, 220 bbls.; to New Orleans, 200 bbls. Total shipments to date, 1913 Irish autumn, 9343 bbls.

Liverpool, Dec. 13 .- Tishing ordinary. Shipments this week: To Boston, 55 bbls: to all other ports, 50 bbis. Count, 350-400 to a packed

Lockeport Fishing Arrivag Recent arrivals are the gill as Pad Locke, Capt. F. Firth, 302 mixed fish; (gill netter) L M Capt. J. Benham, 3800 lbs. mind Ella M. Rudolph, Capt. C. B. 12,500 lbs. mixed fish, 60 lbs. Togo, Capt. E. Locke, 6100 lbs. fish; Dolly Gray, Capt. W. Mc 2900 lbs. mixed fish; Nellie Capt. J. McKenzie, 7500 lbs. fish; Julie Opp, Capt. George ham, 20,000 lbs. mixed fish, 7 halibut; Lulu S., Capt. Geo. J 11,000 lbs. mixed fish, 30 lbs. h Ohio, Capt. W. Williams, 80 mixed fish; Alcyone, Capt. F. P.

861 Pbs. mixed fish; Velmore, Ca Collupy 700 lbs. mixed fish;

mia, Capt. C. Vanburg, 6000 lbs

ed fish; Gladys Thornburn, 417

mixed fish, 32 halibut.

# Dec. 26. RAGES OUT

Local Fieet Hugging Wharves-One Off-Sh In Since Wednesday

The storm signals and heavy outside have kept the gill netter market fleet in port tolar less some clearing weather before Monday, there will be famine in the fish market.

On account of Wednesday's all the gill netters with one en were driven back. Steamer and Edwin, Capt. Jerry Coa. and brought in 5900 pounds, 5 pollock.

Yesterday being Christmas, all the hoats remained in I them were out, however, s less than 25,000 pounds. The in addition to her fare, had a which weighed 250 pounds,

The only off shore sains since Wednesday is sch. Meter Fogarty, from the Bay of with salt and pickle! herring craft made the passage in and is consigned to the Gur Fisheries Company.

Today's Arrivals and Recei The arrivals and receipts in

Str. R. J. Killick, gill nettins

lbs. fresh fish. Str. Water Witch, gill netting lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting fresh fish, 1 shark. Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill net

lbs. fresh fish. Str. Elsie, via Boston.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita

Sch. Meteor, Bay of Island 545 bbls. salt herring, 4785 kled herring. Wednesday's Gill Netting

Str. Robert and Edwin, 5900 lbs. fresh fish.

#### DAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Georges codfish, large, cwt.; medium, \$4.75; snap-

\$4.25; snappers, \$3.25.

m; snappers, \$3.50. halibut codfish, large, \$5.00; Islands are loaded.

halibut codfish, large, \$5.50;

halibut, 10c per 1b. rge, \$2.50; mediums, \$2.00.

#### Fresh Fish.

prices:

cod, large, \$2.25; medium, sailed the same day. ners 75c

ppers 75c.

ish not gilled, 10c per s than the above.

large, \$2; medium, \$1.70;

pollock, 90c; round 80c.

ndland pickied herring, \$4.75

alibut, 18c per lb. for white r grav. ackerel, large, 30c each

TMAS GIFTS OF GOLD.

#### of T Wharf Concern Made ing. by Extra Week's Pay.

ees of the Freeman-Cobb Fannie Belle Atword.

Capt. Jethro Nickerson of sch. Fannie Belle Atword reports some of the nie Belle Atword. 40th anniversary of the pounds. of the firm.

n, presented the gold to cusk. ance on behalf of the em-

#### hn's, N. F., Fish Market.

no change in this list. Mecod, \$6.25; small, \$4.50; pol-; pickled herring, \$6; half 25; smoked herring, 10c.-Merchant.

#### ells at\$7 at Lunenburg.

everal cargoes are reportnenburg at about \$7 for cod r hake, says the Halifax erchant. It is said that v not more than five carin that country. At the e are no buyers in sight at es owing to the serious has taken place in the narket. However, the exthat the foregoing prices ained, as exporters must k to keep their trade supthough they need to han-

#### Good Frost.

News of a most encouraging nature awl bank cod, large, \$4.75; has been received from the herring fleet at Newfoundland, to the effect dline cod, \$5 for large; \$4.50 that good frost has struck in and all the vessels at Bonne Bay and Bay of

Herring have been running very plenty and taking advantage of this fact and the good frost, every craft lost no time in loading full. That the herring and frost have come at the same time, is most gratifying to learn, and the vessels on the way down will probably load immediately, provided the spell holds out.

Schs. Athlete and Tattler sailed for home the day before Christmas with full cargoes, and others presumably

### cod, large, \$2.50; medium, BAD WEATHER UN spers, 75c. sh not gilled, 10c per 100 FISHING BANKS

#### erring, \$3 per bbl. for bait. Reported by the Off-Shores at T Wharf Today-Prices Are Still Up.

The holiday brought but few artrawlers being at the dock this morn-

They are steamers Billow, Swell and Ripple, and sehs. Clintonia and

presented a week's worst weather of the season. gold as a Christmas gift. craft fished on Brown's and in three ern employs more than a weeks, had but one fishing day. The men and women, and none skipper and crew managed to pick This Christmas up a fare, however, landing 40,000

\$3.75 Wholesalers paid ng Atwood, vice president hundred for haddock, \$5.50 for large mpany, called the employees cod, \$2.50 for market cod, \$2 to \$3 at noon, and, on behalf of for hake, \$2.50 for pollock and \$2 for

#### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Billow, 21,000 haddock, 500 cod, 2500 lemon sole.

Str. Swell, 37,000 haddock, 200 cod, 9000 lemon sole.

Str. Ripple, 2600 haddock, 700 cod, 5000 lemon sole.

Sch. Clintonia, 32,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 1000 hake.

haddock, 10,000 cod, 8000 cusk, 1000 halibut.

Haddock, \$3.75 to \$5 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.50; market cod, \$2.50; hake, \$2 to \$3; pollock, \$2.50; cusk, \$2.

#### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton arrived at for fishing.

Sch. Alice was at Mulgrave Saturday last and cleared for fishing.

Sch. Esperanto arrived at Shelburne Saturday last and cleared.

## Herring Fleet is Loaded PRICES SLUN AT PORTO RICO

Following the very high prices which obtained in Porto Rico a month ago, when sales were made to net exporters here \$7.25 per quintal for Lunenburg bank fish, there has come one of the worst slumps in values in recent years, and we learn that a number of consignments, and quite a few shipments sent forward on order and rejected, are now being sold in Porto Rico at \$25 per cask. This price will only net \$5.25 per quintal Halifax. It is said that the losses are well distributed, as practically all the exporters both at Halifax and Lunenburg had fish in Porto Rico when the We understand slump took place. that stocks held in Halifax and Lunenburg are not more than sufficient to meet ordinary demands between now and the end of the season, so if shipments are made with discretion, exporters should be able to come through with a small margin of profit.

The other West India markets are in fairly good condition but orders going forward are small, no doubt largely due to the extreme prices. An increased demand is looked for from all the West Indian markets after the new year.

Arrivals at Oporto are reported to be very heavy. Stocks have accumurivals at T wharf, a fleet of five lated, and instead of the advance ancrafts, three of which were steam ticipated prices have fallen. Today's lated, and instead of the advance anquotations at Oporto would show no Conditions profit to exporters. in Portugal are very unfavorable. The crops this season were poor and the people seem to be getting more impoverished each year. It has always been a surprise to the fish exporters in this country that the Portuguese people would pay such a high price for fish. It may be that they will do so no longer.

The Spanish markets are in fairly good condition, the Italian somewhat stronger. A good demand is reported from Northern Brazil, where the market remains steady. South Brazil. however, is still bad and reports large importations of Norwegian fish, which seem to be gradually pushing the Canadian article off the market. The Norwegian fish are said to be cheaper and the supply is either large or medium size and while practically as heavily salted as ours, are said to be of more uniform quality than the Canadian-Halifax Maritime Merchant.

#### Warning to Mariners.

The wreck of the British four-mas-Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 22,000 ted iron ship Jason, which was lost on Cape Cod December 5, 1893, while on a passage from Calcutta for port with a cargo of hemp, still lies. on the beach, half a mile north of the Pamet River Life Saving Station, about 400 feet outside of the high water line, and shows about one foot above the surface at low tide.

The position of the wreck is lat. 42 Liverpool Saturday last and cleared degrees 00 minutes 35 seconds N, lon. 70 degrees 1 minute 25 seconds W. The government has cautioned owners and skippers of small boats not to hug the shore too closely the vicinity of the obstruction. The data crew of 27 men and all were drowned with the exception except the water presently.—Leslie's and except the water presently and except the water of an apprentice.

# INCREASE FLEET

Says the Maritime Merchant:

There is every indication that the Lunenburg fleet will be increased this season. The main incentive is the free entry of fish to the American market. It is now a well recognized fact that vessels outfitted at Lunenburg can produce fish cheaper than the American vessels so with an open market for a large quality of salt bulk fish across the border, conditions are most promising. We are told by a member of the trade that he expects next year's prices to be as good as they were this year and he gives as his reason that for several years past the American market has paid a comparatively higher price for green bulk fish than even the relatively high price that our men have got for dried fish this year. This is certainly a very encouraging prediction and the man who made it is one of our best authorities in the fish trade.

#### Cutter Androscoggin Being Repaired.

To have a new engine bed and for other work that will require several weeks the revenue cutter Androscoggin has arrived at the repair depot Arundel Cove, near Baltimore.

Captain Frederick C. Billard has been detached from command and ordered to Porto Rico to take charge of the revenue cutter Algonquin on that station, and First Lieutenant George W. Wilcox is temporarily in command of the Androscoggin. Captain Billard sails from New York for San Juan, P. R., December 27.
C,aptain W. E. W. Hall, who will

suceed Captain Billard as commander of the Androscoggin, has been detached from the life saving service and will join the Androscoggin be-fore that vessel returns to Portland for duty.

Second Lieutenant J. J. Hutson, who has been on the Androscoggin, has been detached from that vessel and ordered to join the revenue cutter Tahoma at the Port Townsend Wash., station.

#### A Fisherman's Paradise.

Fish are so plentiful in Alaskan waters that they almost jump at you. The fishing grounds extend for over 2000 miles along the coast and up all the rivers (one of which is at least 2000 miles long), and all over the adjacent seas. A conservative estimate of the fish taken from Alaskan waters, not counting that used for native food and for dog food, places the total valuation at \$185,000,000 since we bought Alaska for \$7,200,000. In one year 10 fishing vessels alone pulled in 7,708,000 pounds of the choicest kind of fish. If the ordinary American were asked to guess how many people are permanently engaged in the fishing business in Alaska, the answer would probably be-about 200. As a matter of fact there are 18,000 men pulling up salmon, halibut and herring and storing them away in cans and ice houses. That number of men can make a big hole in anybody's fish pond; if a